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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND TRADE
REPRESENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

1. DURING THE 1970'S THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
COUNTRIES CONTINUED TO EXTEND THEIR RELATIONS WITH
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. BY 1976, SOME FORM OF DIPLOMATIC,
CONSULAR, OR TRADE RELATIONS AND/OR TRADE REPRESENTATION

EXISTED BETWEEN 24 OF THE 26 COUNTRIES OF THE REGION--ALL EXCEPT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND GUATEMALA--AND ONE OR MORE OF 14 COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

2. LATIN AMERICAN AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HAVE RELATIONS, RANGING FROM RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO BARE RECOGNITION, IN 163 OF THE 364 POTENTIAL CASES THAT COULD EXIST BETWEEN THE 26 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE 14 COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THERE ARE 102 DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES RESIDENT IN 16 LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AS COMPARED WITH 57 MISSIONS IN 10 OF THESE COUNTRIES IN 1971. (NOTE: AS USED IN THIS REPORT, THE TERMS "DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS" AND "MISSIONS" REFER TO EMBASSY STAFFS HEADED BY RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS BUT NOT TO CONSULATES, TRADE OFFICES, OR NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.) RELATIONS ARE LIMITED TO NON-RESIDENT DIPLOMATS IN 26 CASES AND TRADE OR CONSULAR OFFICES IN 9 CASES, AND IN ANOTHER 26 CASES, RELATIONS EXIST WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

3. A TOTAL OF 53 NEW COMMUNIST COUNTRY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE REGION BETWEEN 1971 AND 1976. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, EAST GERMANY, AND CUBA LED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MISSIONS AS THEY EXPANDED THEIR PREVIOUSLY NEGLIGIBLE DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE.

4. COLOMBIA AND MEXICO EACH RECEIVED 7 NEW MISSIONS, FOLLOWED BY ARGENTINA, ECUADOR, AND VENEZUELA WITH 5 EACH. THIRTEEN OF THE 15 NEW COMMUNIST COUNTRY MISSIONS IN CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE ESTABLISHED.

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LISHED IN COSTA RICA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, AND PANAMA. THE OVERALL NET GAIN IN COMMUNIST COUNTRY MISSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA WAS REDUCED BY 8 WITH THE CLOSING OF MISSIONS IN CHILE AFTER THE FALL OF ALLENDE.

5. EIGHT SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES (ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA) AND MEXICO HAVE BY NOW ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 8 EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (THE USSR, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, POLAND, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA). IN 70 CASES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COMPLETE WITH MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THESE LATIN AMERICAN HOST COUNTRIES; THE EXCEPTIONS ARE IN BOLIVIA, WHERE BULGARIA AND EAST GERMANY ARE REPRESENTED BY NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS. THE 8 SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND MEXICO HAVE, IN ADDITION, 15 MISSIONS FROM THE PRC, CUBA, AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FOR A TOTAL OF 85 COMMUNIST COUNTRY MISSIONS, AN INCREASE OF 38 MISSIONS SINCE 1971.

6. WITH THE CUTBACK IN CHILE AFTER THE FALL OF ALLENDE AND THE LOSS OF 8 RESIDENT MISSIONS (OR 9 INCLUDING A MONGOLIAN MISSION SET UP AFTER 1971), ONLY 2 COMMUNIST COUNTRY MISSIONS (COMPARED WITH 10 IN 1971) REMAINED IN CHILE. THUS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE SUSPENDED, BROKEN, OR "INTERRUPTED" WITH BULGARIA, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, MONGOLIA, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, AND THE USSR, AND MISSIONS WERE WITHDRAWN. NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM CLOSED THEIR TRADE OFFICES. THE PRC AND ROMANIA CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW CHILEAN REGIME MORE OR LESS UNCHANGED. YUGOSLAVIA STILL MAINTAINS A CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO.

7. IN THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA, COMMUNIST RESIDENT MISSIONS INCREASED FROM ZERO IN 1971 TO A TOTAL OF 15 IN 6 COUNTRIES. COMMUNIST RELATIONS WITH THE 15 UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA GENERALLY ARE LIMITED TO THE LEVEL OF NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS, TRADE OFFICES, OR BARE RECOGNITION, AND TIES REMAINED AT THESE LEVELS IN 50 OF THE 65 CASES OF RELATIONS THAT EXISTED AT THE END OF 1976.
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